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PREFACE.

THE COMMONWEALTH, 1649-1660.

In presenting the second volume of the County Records the Committee has availed itself of the very valuable notes made during the examination of the Session Minutes Book by Mr. W. J. Hardy. The Committee has further to acknowledge Mr. Hardy's courtesy and generosity in preparing and presenting an index of the contents of the volume which largely increases the value of the work.

The reason which decided the Records Committee to print this portion as a separate issue is that therein is contained the proceedings of Quarter Sessions from 1651 to 1660, the earliest period covered by our County Records.

The volume does not reveal the prevalence of any very serious crime in the County. We find (p. 8) an indictment, in 1651, of three labourers, two of Bedford and one of Biddenham, for assaulting the gaoler at Bedford and hindering the execution of certain prisoners "condemned to die"; but that is the only reference to the carrying out of capital punishment, and there are but few instances of cases coming before the magistrates in which a prisoner would have been committed on the capital charge. One of these is, however, curious, as it records the fact that at the Sessions held at Bedford on 3rd of October, 1653, the wife of a carpenter of Little Stoughton was sent for trial at the Assizes "for feloniously bewitching William Holland."

On two occasions when the capital sentence *might* have been carried out, those who by their offence—sheep stealing—brought themselves within its operation, escaped the penalty by demonstrating their ability to read the "neck verse"; that is to say, they successfully pleaded "benefit of clergy," were branded—"cauterized" as the Record puts it—and discharged. Both these instances occurred in 1660 (pp. 53 and 54).

The great majority of charges considered by the magistrates were for petty theft, forestalling, or engrossing. There were also a number of charges of poaching and of illegal hunting. Amongst the parks and enclosures in which the latter offence was committed we find the Earl of Elgin's at Houghton, Lady Bolingbroke's at Bletsoe, the Earl of Bedford's at Woburn, and the Countess Dowager of Kent's. There are also instances of trespass in "several" or private fisheries, amongst them the fishery of Sir Thomas Leigh. Chasing and taking "conies" in various "free-warrens" seems also to have been a not uncommon offence.

There are many charges of the use of abusive language, either in open court or to individual members of the bench, and some of the use of expressions against the Cromwellian government. In 1652 John Manley, "late of Wilshamstead, gentleman," spoke "scandalous" words against Robert Lovett, a justice (p. 14) and, five years later, Thomas Mayhew, a member of the Middle Temple and a lawyer of some repute, (who was then, presumably, a resident at Barford), assaulted the constable of Kempston, and when charged with the offence so far forgot his legal dignity as to exclaim that he "cared not a——for any justice of the peace in England." (p. 42). A widow residing at Milbrook was in 1653 fined 5s. for speaking "false and opprobrious words against the governors and government of England," (p. 24), and a gentleman of Turvey was committed the same year, for speaking "false scandalous and malicious words" against "the forces" of the Commonwealth (Ibid).

As to the vigour or laxity with which the then existing laws were enforced in Bedfordshire, the entries in the volume afford some evidence; whipping was a punishment frequently meted out both to men and women for petty offences.

Two instances are recorded of sentences to the pillory—one in 1651 and the other in 1659; strangely enough they were both inflicted for offences of a very similar nature. In the first instance William Daulby, an Elstow labourer, obtained, by a forged "brief" or licence to collect money, the sum of five shillings from his fellow townsfolk, in aid of a loss pretended to have been suffered in a fire at Tanfield in Yorkshire. He was sentenced to stand upon the pillory for one hour on each of three successive days in "open market" at Ampthill, Woburn and Bedford, with a paper on his head expressing his offence. Further he was to pay £10 "to the use of the State," and to lie in prison till he paid it (p. 9).

In the second instance, Antony Bray of Bedford and his wife had imposed on the charitable by means of a forged document which showed them to have been the victims of a robbery by Turkish pirates; the husband was acquitted, but the wife found guilty and sentenced to stand on the pillory, on three successive market days, in the three towns last mentioned, wearing on her head a paper expressing her offence. No monetary fine was, in this case, inflicted; but, she was sentenced to be branded on the forehead with the letter "C" (p. 51).*

There are in the volume occasional indications of dissatisfaction with the severity of certain of the existing statutes. This dissatisfaction reveals itself in a disinclination on the part of those intrusted with the administration of the law to perform their duties; thus, in 1652, we find the constables of Milton Bryan, allowing vagrants to pass unpunished, probably from an objection to inflict a grievous whipping on persons who may have committed no

* Perhaps for "cozener" or "cheat."

greater offence than failing to find employment (p. 19). We feel less sympathy with the constable of Renhold who refused to make "hue and cry" after a person who had committed a robbery (p. 45).

Many of the entries of a miscellaneous nature are of interest. Several persons were indicted for exercising trades to which they had not served due apprenticeship; sanitary precautions were not neglected, and a man who placed "corrupted meat" near a highway, "to the infecting of the ayre," was fined five shillings (p. 22); a carrier who laid his goods on the road was prosecuted for obstruction (p. 28); selling by false weights was duly punished; a man who passed off brass rings for gold was prosecuted (p. 37); and we have, in 1657, an instance of refusal to pay a rate for the repair of Sharnbrook Church (p. 42).

The offence of "stocking" seems to have been committed by persons in various degrees of life, a knight, an esquire, a gentleman, and a simple, alike occurring from time to time as charged. "Buying grain on the ground" as an offence reads in curious contrast to the present freedom of an American "corner."

"Biting the germines" is uniquely charged in the case of Bottisford against Marlowe on p. 31.

Under the head of offences against morals John Impey and Anne Squier are charged with "living together in incontenency," and on p. 39 Richard Birchmore, of Market Street, yeoman, is charged with committing adultery with Anne Killingworth [spinster]. It is interesting in the latter case to know that this was a felony under the Commonwealth, but it is not wholly surprising that this enactment ceased on the Restoration.

The names call for no special remark, being familiar to all students of Bedford history.

The original entries are throughout made in a very beautiful clerical hand, and the volume is in excellent repair.

BEDFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

CALENDAR OF

SESSIONS BOOKS. VOLUME I.

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 13th JANUARY, 1650-1.

Indictment of Thomas Robinson, late of Ridgemont, blacksmith, for obtaining 8s. from William Burden under colour of being one of the collectors of excise. Submits under protest that he is not guilty. Fined 10s.

Indictment of Henry Keene, of Luton, yeoman, for exercising the art of a bricklayer without having been apprenticed seven years.—Discharged on account of insufficiency [of proof], 7th April, 1651.

Indictment of Henry Peacocke and Richard Smith, late of Renhold, yeomen, for trespass in the close of Oliver Allen at Renhold, and taking therefrom two turkeys of the value of 5s. Both submit under protest that they are not guilty, and are fined 2s.

Indictment of Joyce Bynion, of Milton Erneys, spinster, for carrying away divers goods of Sir John Holt, knight.—Bill ignored.

Indictment of William Burden, of Ridgemount, shoemaker, for erecting a cottage in Ridgemount.—Appeared and delivered recognisances to appear. (*Original, page* 1)

Memorandum that at this sessions Robert Turrold of the town of Bedford, William West of the same, and John Mumford of the same, were admitted by the court, and allowed to be public relators and informers for the county upon the Penal Statutes.

Subpœnas returnable at this sessions for West and Mumford :—

Against Thomas Whelowes of Shefford, for ingrossing.

Alexander Ekins of Bolnehurst, for the like.

Nicholas Stanbridge of Stachden, for "stocking."

Stephen Wheeler of the same, for ingrossing.

Thomas Barrenger of Steventon, for the like.

Thomas Barrenger of Turvey, for the like.

Samuel Impey, of the same.

John Easton of Bletneshoe, for forestalling.

Thomas Allen of Marston Mortaine, for ingrossing.

Thomas Riseley of Wotton, the like.

Attachments were issued, upon the oath of John Mumford, that subpœnas had been served, and no appearance made, against the aforesaid :—

Thomas Barrenger, of Steventon,

Thomas Barrenger, of Turvey,

Alexander Ekins, and

Stephen Wheeler. (*Original, page* 74)

Attachments were issued upon the oath of Robert Turrold, that subpœnas had been served, and no appearance made, against :—

Robert Gale,

William Grant, "batcheler,"

Samuel Berry,

William Frankeyn, and

William Whistler.

Subpœnas returnable at the next sessions against :—

John Brewer of Flitwick, for forestalling.

John Sealbrooke of Knotting, for ingrossing.

John Streames of Deane.

Peter Osborne, knight, for stocking.

Humfrey Monux, esquire, for the like.

Henry Archer, gentleman, for the like.

William Warren of Hawnes, for the like.

Robert Cobb of Northold.

Subpœnas for ——— West returnable in the next sessions against :—

William Davies of Pavenham, for buying grain on the ground.

William Knight of Steventon.

Edward Seabrooke of Harrold.

John Morton of Odell, for the like.

Richard Fuller of Harrold, for the like.

John Easton of Bletsoe, for the like.

Lewis Counton, Stachden, for the like.

William Ashborne of Pavenham, for the like.

Mathew Taylor, esquire, for stocking. (*Original, page* 75)

Subpœnas for West and Mumford against :—

John Cooper of Knotting, for ingrossing.

John Layton, for ingrossing market grain upon the ground.

John Dove, for the like.

Samuel Baldock, for ingrossing.

John Hemings, for the like.

Francis Berry, for the like.

Subpœnas for Turrold against :—

Oliver Browninge of Biggleswade, for ingrossing.

George Blundell, esquire, for the like.

William Garrett.

Michael Mese.

William Savage. (*Original, page* 76

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 7th APRIL, 1651.

Indictment of Richard Foxley, of Tuddington, labourer, "for swearing three profane oaths."

Indictment of Robert Cobb, of Northold, in the county of Buckingham, "for swearing five oaths."—Submits and paid his fine to the poor.

Indictment of Andrew Woodward, late of Biddenham, for stealing six sheep, worth 40s., from Michael Stanbridge, of Stachden.

Indictment of Mathew Lacey, of Shitlington, yeoman, for refusing to pay the poor's rate of Shitlington, and dissuading others from paying the same.—Submitted and fined 40s.

Indictment of John Bonner, of Bedford, yeoman, and Stephen Thomas, of Mogerhanger, yeoman, for following the trade of carpenters for the space of two months without being apprenticed thereto for seven years.

Indictment of John Law, carpenter, Martha Greenleafe, widow, Thomas Johnson, yeoman, and Martha his wife, all of Blonham, for forcible entry into a cottage with appurtenances in Blonham.—Certiorari allowed for them all. (*Original, page* 2)

Attachments were issued upon the oath of Robert Turrold, that subpœnas had been served and no appearance made, against the following persons:—

John Wodell of Marston.

John Hofell of Odell.

Edward Edwardes of Harrold.

John Houghton of Houghton.

Edward Rea of Shitlington.

James Rea of the same.

John Streames.

Henry Archer.

John Dix.

Michael Mese.

Robert Cob.

Similar list, on the oath of William West.

Richard Fuller.

Lewis Counton.

Mathias Taylor, esquire.

Michael Stanbridge.

Richard Wheelowes.

Alexander Ekins.

Thomas Barrenger of Turvey.

Thomas Cooper of Knotting. (*Original, page* 77)

Appearance of Fitz Jeoffrey as attorney for Stephen Wheeler, Robert Gale, William Grant, John Morton, and John Cobb, gentleman; and of Browne for Humfrey Monox, esquire.

Appearance of Turnor for William Davie, Sir Peter Osborne, knight, and Samuel Impey.

Licences granted to :—

Samuel Berry, of Thurley,

William Savage, of Eaton Socon,

Oliver Browninge, of Cardington,

John Mumford,

William Garrett, of Cotton End,

John Layton, of Biggleswade,

John Seabrooke, of Knotting,

Richard Wright, of Husborne Crawley,

Richard Syre, of the same, to compound with Robert Turrold;

Thomas Barrenger, of Steventon, to compound with William West.

Subpœna for Robert Oxenford against Henry Keene of Luton, bricklayer, upon the statute 5 Elizabeth, concerning labourers.

Subpœna for William West and John Mumford, against Sir John Rolt, knight, and Mathew Denton, gentleman. (*Original, page* 78)

Subpœnas returnable at the next sessions for Robert Turrold against Richard Franklin of Biggleswade, butcher, and John Goodman of Yeilden, grocer, under the statute 5 Elizabeth, and for

Bartholomew Rowland of Luton, for ingrossing.

William Thomson of Luton, for ingrossing.

Michael Humfrey,

John Wileman,

John Sandon,

John Dimocke, for ingrossing.

Edward Martin,

Edward Rayner,

Robert Plomer,

Robert White,

John Austen of Billington, for ingrossing,

William Hogg of the same, for ingrossing,

John Manly, gentleman, for stocking,

George Hickman of Leighton, badger,

William Warren of Hawnes, for ingrossing,

Henry Wright of Potton, higler,

Robert Greene, the like,

Thomas Manning, the like,

Thomas Blackeley, the like,

Gilbert Meane of Morden, the like,

Robert Anscell of Purton, the like,

Thomas Mitten of Hatley,

John Thorne of Silshoe,

Daniel Howson,

Richard Hartwell,

Nathaniel Mason,

William Fasey. (*Original, page* 79)

Subpœnas for William West against :—

Sir John Rolt for stocking,

Mathew Denton, gentleman, for stocking,

Steven Pierce.

William Ashwell, for ingrossing,

Edward Crouch, for the like.

Subpœna and information against Samuel Impey, gentleman, for stocking.

Subpœnas for Robert Turrold against :—

Francis Marsh,

George Hickman,

William Britton, for stocking,

John Fortune,

John Lawe,

James Smith,

Lawrence Smith,

George Blundell, esquire,

John Hanger. (*Original, page* 80)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 14th JULY, 1651.

Indictment of William Gregory, late of Flitwick, miller, for turning a watercourse running from Flitwick to Greenfield.—Confessed with protest. Fined 2s. 6d.

Indictment of the same William, for an assault upon Joan the wife of Marke Goodbody.—Confessed with protest. Fined 2s. 6d.

Indictment of the same William, and Thomas Welles, of Flitwick, labourer, for an assault upon Marke Goodbodye.—Confessed with protest. Fined 2s. 6d.

Indictment of the same William and Thomas, for diverson of the course of a river running from Flitwick to Greenfield.—Confessed with protest. Fined 2s. 6d.

Indictment of Marke Goodbody, of Flitton, miller, Joan his wife, and Elizabeth Norman, of Flitwick, spinster, for an assault upon William Gregory.—All confess with protest. Fined 5s.
(*Original, page* 3)

Indictment of Henry Bodman, of Westminster, gentleman, for wounding William Staines.—Appears and "Kent imparles."

Indictment of the same Henry, for wounding William Boswell.—Appears and imparles by Kent.

Indictment of Henry Collop, of Flitwick, gentleman, for a battery upon Robert Gale.—Submits to his fine, 12d. paid.

Indictment of William Prior, of Houghton Conquest, yeoman, for wounding William Crumpe.—Submits fine 5s.

Indictment of John Pearson and John Busby of Littlington, labourers, for entering the Earl of Elgin's park called Houghton Park, where they "one doe, price £5, with lurching dogges, did take and kill."—Appear and confess, sent to prison according to the statute.

Indictment of John Knott, of Wilden, weaver, for entering the house of William Hopkins at Ravensden and beating Joan his wife.—Appears, confesses with protestation that he is not guilty. Fined 5s. Discharged. (*Original, page* 4)

Indictment of George Gale, of Bedford, labourer, William Crowder, of the same, butcher, John Taylor, of the same labourer, and Ralph Hilles, of Biddenham, yeoman, for assaulting John Harrison, the gaoler, and hindering the execution of the prisoners condemned to die.—All appear, confess and submit. Fined 2s. 6d. each; to be estreated.

Indictment of William Daulby, late of Elvestow [Elstow], labourer, for publishing and forging false briefs, supposing a loss by fire at Tanfield in Yorkshire, and deceiving the people by collections of money upon pretence thereof, and by colour thereof "cousening" the inhabitants of Elvestowe of 5s.—Pleads not guilty, issue joined, puts himself on the country, found guilty.

"The judgment upon William Daulby is that he shall stand in the pillory on Thursday next at Ampthill, on Friday next at Woborne, and on Saturday next at Bedford, in each place the space of an hour and in the time of open market. That he be fined ten pounds to the use of the State, and that he lie in prison in the county gaol until he pay his fine, and is to have a paper on his hat while he is in the pillory expressing the nature and quality of his offence." (*Original, page* 5)

Licence is granted to William West to compound with Nicholas Stanbridge for "stocking up" of woods contrary to the form of the statute.

Licence is granted to Robert Turrold to compound with Richard Franklyn for using the trade of a butcher, not having served as an apprentice thereto seven years.

Appearance of Mr. Turnour to the information against John Streams.

Licence is granted to Robert Turrold to compound with John Hanger "for ingrossing of graine."

Licence is granted to William West to compound with Gyles Pearce for buying and selling of cattle against the form of the statute.

Appearance of Mr. Turnour to the information against John Dix.

Licence is granted to William West to compound with Thomas Barrenger of Turvey, "for ingrossing of graine."

(*Original, page* 81)

Plea of not guilty by Mr. Fitzgeoffery for Morton, Wheeler, Gale and Grant.

Plea of not guilty by Mr. Turnour for Impey and Davis.

Plea of not guilty by Mr. Browne for Monox.

Licence is granted to Robert Turrold to compound with Sir Peter Osborne, "for stocking up of woodes."

Appearance of Mr. Ekins for Cooper of Knotting.

Appearance of Mr. Turnour for Mathias Taylor, esquire.

Appearance of Mr. Randes for Sir John Rolte.

Writ of *venire facais* is awarded between Robert Turrold, who, etc., and Humfrey Monox, esquire.

The like between the like Turrold and Robert Gale and William Grant.

The like between William West, who, etc., and Samuel Impey.

Subpœna for Turrold against Monox.

Subpœna for Monox at the suit of Turrold. (*Original, page* 82)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 6th OCTOBER, 1651.

Indictment of Richard Ellyott, of Luton, labourer, for a "pound breach," at Sundon.

Indictment of Robert Cobb, of Northold, in the county of Bucks, yeoman, for a battery upon John Mumford, a bailiff.—Quashed for insufficiency. 6th October, 1651.

Indictment of Jone Dowe, late of Elstowe, spinster, for a battery upon Rose, wife of Robert Gray.—Confesses. Fine 3s. 4d. paid.

Indictment of Joseph Heyward, late of Bedford, scrivener, for taking of Henry Clare 4s. "extortiously," by colour of being a bailiff.—Appears and imparles, pleads not guilty the 12th of January, 1651–2. (*Original, page* 6)

Indictment of Thomas Pake, and Henry Pake, both of Felmersham, husbandmen, for breaking the house of George Favell, at Wilshamstead, and battery upon him and Elizabeth his wife.—Appear and imparle. 12th January, 1651–2, plead not guilty. *Ve. fa.* against the next sessions.

Indictment of Judith Islop, late of Kempston, widow, for erecting a cottage there.—Discharged 27th April, 1652, for insufficiency.

Indictment of Joseph Heyward, late of the town of Bedford, scrivener, for "extorciously" taking of Thomas Wotton 3s. by colour of being a bailiff.—Appears and imparles. 12th January, 1651–2 pleads not guilty. Confesses. Fine 2s.

Indictment of the same Joseph for "extorciously" taking of Thomas Norris 6s. by colour of being a bailiff.—Appears and imparles; pleads not guilty the 12th of January, 1651–2.

Indictment of Roger Jenkyn, of Hockley, glover, Margaret his wife, and Mary the wife of William Ebden of the same, labourer, for a battery upon Daniel Doggett. 12th July, appears Mary Ebden and pleads not guilty. *O riginal, page* 7)

Indictment of Jone Dowe, late of Elvestowe, spinster, for swearing four oaths against the form of the statute.—Confesses. Fines 13s. 4d. to be levied.

Indictment against George Favell, late of Wilshamstead, for battery upon Thomas Pake. (*Original, page* 8)

Subpœna for Robert Turrold against

John A'Lee,

Joseph Randall,

William Newman,

Henry Warren,

John Baker,

Humfrey Monox, esquire.

Licence is granted to Robert Turrold to compound with George Blundell, esquire, for "stocking up of woodes."

Licence is granted to him to compound with Sir Peter Osborne for the like.

Licence is granted to him to compound with Henry Archer, for the like.

Licence is granted to him to compound with Robert Gale and William Grant for "ingrossing of graine."

Plea of not guilty by Mr. Turnour for John Streames of Deane. (*Original, page* 83)

Plea of not guilty by Mr. Turnour for John Dix of Souldbery.

Subpœna and information for Henry Reynolds against Thomas Smith and Samuel Impey, "for stocking up of woodes."

Licence is granted to Robert Turrold to commune and compound with ——— Warren for ———.

Writ of certiorari allowed to remove the information for John Cooper.

Plea of not guilty by Mr. Fitzjeoffery to the information for Mr. John Cobb.

Subpœna for Robert Turrold against :—

William Britten,

Robert Clarke,

William Beverley, gentleman (imprimis, now West),

George Newold,

Thomas Goldsmith,

William Cripsey,

John Blundell,

John Boddington,

Owen Brett, esquire. (*Original, page* 84)

Thomas Rose, gentleman,

Henry Fell,

Edward Gale,

James Leach.

Subpœna for William West against :—

Samuel Impey,

John Stocker,

Francis Earl,

William Gilbert,

William Cooper.

Subpœna for John Mumford against Laurence Wright, "doctor of physicke."

Licence is granted to William West, to compound with Mathias Taylor, esquire, for "stocking." (*Original, page* 85)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 12th JANUARY, 1651-2.

Indictment of John Symondes, late of Odell, "cordwayner," and Margaret his wife, for a battery upon Margaret Wayte, widow.—12th July, 1652, confessed, appeared and submitted to their fine assessed at 3s. 4d. Discharged.

Indictment of Thomas Hyne, late of Odell, tailor, for a battery upon the same Margaret.—Fined as above.

Indictment of William Marlowe, of Evershalt, tailor, for "barretry" and extortion, by colour of being an informer and for compounding without licence.—Appears and imparles. Quashed.

Indictment of Joseph Heyward, of the town of Bedford, yeoman, for taking away the horse of Humfrey Child, gentleman.—Confesses. Fine 2s.

Indictment of Thomas Barber, the younger, of Ampthill, weaver, for entering the park of the Earl of Elgin. (*Original, page* 9)

Indictment of John Rogers, late of Barton, yeoman, "for shooting in a handgun and killing three pigeons."—Fined 5s. Discharged. Pleads not guilty.

Indictment of Francis Sharpe, of Riseley, labourer, and John Carter, of the same, labourer, for killing a doe belonging to the Countess of "Bolenbrooke" at Bletsoe.—Sharpe confesses. His judgment is to suffer three months' imprisonment, to pay treble damages to the Countess, and to find sureties to be of the behaviour for seven years.

Indictment of Anne, the wife of Thomas Norman, of Houghton, labourer, for taking away a pullet of Thomas Prentice.—Confesses, with protestation. Fine of 6d. paid in court.

Indictment of John Gobby, late of Nether Deane, shepherd, for taking away one ewe lamb, price 11d., of the goods of Thomas Quicke.—Confesses. Judgment, to be whipped according to law.
(*Original, page* 10)

Appearance of Mr. John Ekins to the information against Laurence Wright, "doctor of physick."

Writ of *venire facias* by proviso upon the information between West and Wheeler.

The like between Turrold and Cobb.—Fine 4s. apiece.

Attachment against William Underwood, John Goodman, and Humfrey Monox, esquire.

Subpœna for witnesses for West against Wheeler.

The like against Mr. Cobb.

Subpœna for West against William Billes, Mr. Turnor appears (*sic*) and John Woodward.

Subpœna for Robert Turrold against James Noell, gentleman, John Crooke, John Butterfield, for stocking, Thomas Goldsmith and John Odell.

Subpœna for William West against Thomas Smith of Turvey, for stocking. (*Original, page* 86)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD 26th APRIL, 1652.

Indictment of Joane Witt, of Bromham, spinster, Martha, the wife of Thomas Savage, the younger, Edith, the wife of Hugh Rodwell, and Richard Cox, of the same, labourer, for a riotous assault and battery upon Hugh King.—Appear and imparle, 10 January, 1652–3. Allowed a certiorari to remove the indictment.

Indictment of John Manley, late of Wilshamstead, gentleman, for speaking scandalous words of Robert Lovett, esquire, one of the Justices of the Peace for the county.—Fined 3s. (?)

Indictment of Edward Blofield, of Flitwick, gentleman, for the like offence.—Appears. Confesses. Fined 12d. Paid. Discharged.

Indictment of William Field, of Shefford, tailor, for the like offence.

Indictment of William Brace, John Brace, Richard Brace and Robert Underwood, of Milbrooke, for ploughing up four acres of the common ground of Milbrooke and the free warren of Robert Booth, esquire.—William appears and imparls. 12th July William pleads not guilty. Issue, 10th January, 1652-3. Allowed a certiorari brought by the prosecution to remove the indictment. (*Original, page* 11)

Indictment of Anthony Sayer, of Puddington, gentleman, for refusing the oath of High Constable of Willey Hundred.—4th October, 1652, Sayer appears and submits to his fine assessed at 5s., paid in court and discharged.

Indictment of John Brace, of Milbrooke, husbandman, for ditching and inclosing four acres of the free warren of Robert Booth, esquire, and the common ground of Milbrooke, with a ditch and turf bank.—Removed by certiorari.

Indictment of Thomas Collop of Maldon, husbandman, for breaking

the walls of the house of Edward Bonner, and assaulting him at Mauldon.—Fined 5s. Discharged. Paid.

Indictment of Henry King of the town of Bedford, yeoman, and John Hobcroft of Kempston, labourer, for breaking the house and close of Hugh Rodwell at Bromham.—King appears and imparls.

Indictment of the same, for a battery upon Edith, the wife of Hugh Rodwell, and Joane Witt, spinster, at Bromham.—Appears and imparls. (*Original, page* 12)

Indictment of Thomas Smith, of Potton, fellmonger, Samuel Andrews of the same, baker, Robert Edward of Baldocke, in the county of Hertford, yeoman, for using false and unlawful weights and measures at Potton.—All appear. Fined 2s.

Indictment of Elizabeth Lee, of Billington, widow, for feloniously taking away one lamb, colour white, price 11d., of the goods of Thomas Collier at Potsgrove.—Confesses. To be whipped.

Indictment of Thomas Lee, of Billington, labourer, for the like offence.—Appears. Confesses. To be whipped.

Indictment of Alice, the wife of William Rose, of the town of Bedford, "poulter," for breaking and entering the mansion house of Robert Lovett at Elvestowe [Elstow], and for uttering and publishing divers scandalous words of the said Robert Lovett, being then and yet one of the justices of the peace for the county. —Appears. Pleads not guilty. (*Original, page* 13)

Writ of certiorari allowed to remove the information depending against Laurence Wright, "Dr. of Physick."

Verdict for West against Wheeler upon an information for ingrossing. "See the panel."

Subpœna for Robert Turrold against :—

John Manley, gentleman, of Wilshamstead, for stocking.

William Warren, of Hawnes, for stocking.

Edward Lewis
Robert Thomas } of Renhold, for buying cattle.

John Gill, for the like.

Thomas Field, of Goldington, for ingrossing.

William Ridge, of Carleton, shoemaker, [upon the statute of] 5 Elizabeth.

John Bithwray, of Carleton, for stocking.

Attachment for the same against :—

Humfrey Monox, esquire.

Owen Brett, esquire.

Thomas Rose, gentleman.

William Underwood.

John Goodman.

Subpœna for William West against Mathias Taylor esquire, John Blundell and Samuel Impey, for stocking.

William Bills, of Little Stoughton, for stocking.

William Elsom, of Sharmbrook. (*Original, page* 87)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 12th JULY, 1652.

Indictment of Henry Waters, *alias* Roberts, late of Marston, labourer, for an assault upon John Taylor, a bailiff itinerant.

Indictment of William Waller for a trespass in the wood of Robert Lovett, esquire, and taking 100 "quicksets" to the value of 6d.

Indictment of Jasper Webb, of Aspley, bricklayer, for an assault upon Rebecca, wife of Thomas Ellingham.

Indictment of Edward Heyward of Bedford, yeoman, for "extorciously" taking of Richard Gregory 4s. 6d., by colour of his office.

Indictment of the same Edward for "extorciously" taking of Thomas Kendall 4s. 10d., by colour of his office. (*Original, page* 14)

Indictment of George Keyes, of Hawnes, yeoman, and George Keyes, of the same, yeoman, for an assault upon Edward Flinders.—They appeared and confessed. Fine 5s. paid. Discharged.

Indictment of "Rebecker," the wife of Thomas Elingham, of Woborne, yeoman, for stopping a watercourse leading from the yard of Henry Hill into the street of Woborne.—Confesses. Fined 20d.

Indictment of the same and Avis, wife of Thomas Coleman, of Woborne, for a battery upon Thomas Gibson.—They appeared and confessed. "Rebecker" fined 20d., Avis discharged.

Indictment of the same persons for an assault upon Jasper Webb.—Both appear and confess. Elingham fined 3s. 4d., Coleman fined 20d, Both discharged.

Indictment of Thomas Mole of Cardington, labourer, and Richard Franke, of the same, yeoman, for stealing one bar of iron and one cutting knife, value 11d., of the goods of Richard Lyon.—Confess. To be whipped.

Indictment of Thomas Abbott, labourer, Thomas Nott, labourer, and William Reynolds, yeoman, all of Turvey, for a riotous assault upon Thomas Doggett, gentleman.—All appear and confess. Fine 6s. 8d. with protestation. (*Original, page* 15)

Licence is granted to Robert Turrold to compound with Robert Clarke for ingrossing. The like to him for John Goodman for forestalling. 5 Edward VI., 14.—Robert Clarke pleads not guilty and prays licence, etc.

The like plea and licence to him for Thomas Field, William Ridge, Owen Brett, esquire, and Thomas Rose.

Subpœna for Henry Reynolds against John Bithwray, of Calton, for stocking.

Appearance of Mr. Turnor for Samuel Impey *per* attachment.

The same appears for Thomas Smith and William Billes.

Subpœna for William Marlowe against :—

John Butterfield of Salford, for stocking, contrary to 35 H. VIII, c. 17.

Robert Woodstocke, of Holcott, for the like.

William Hathorne, of the same, for the like.

Thomas Evans, of the same, for the like.

Thomas Crouch, of Husborne Crawley, and Thomas Mathew, of the same, for "falling oakes out of barking time," contrary to 1 James I, c. 22. (*Original, page* 88)

Attachment for Turrold against :—

Humfrey Monoux, esquire.

John Bithwray.

William Underwood.

Subpœna for him against :—

John Manley, gentleman, for stocking.

George Blundell, esquire, for stocking.

Robert Thomas.

John Gill.

William Warren.

Edward Lewis.

Richard Tomlinson. (*Original, page* 89)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 4th OCTOBER, 1652.

Indictment of Mary, the wife of William Herring, of Little Stoughton, for speaking scandalous words of Rose, the wife of William Fell.—Appears and confesses. Fined 12d. Discharged.

Indictment of Edward Honour, the elder chandler, and Edward Honour, the younger, mercer, both of Barton, for selling wares by false weights.—Appeared. Fine 2s. paid. Discharged.

Indictment of William Bridgeman, bricklayer, and his wife, of Luton, for an assault upon Ralph Whitbread, one of the sheriff's bailiffs itinerant.—Fine 2s. Confessed.

Indictment John Heyward of the town of Bedford, labourer, for stealing a gun of the goods of Sir William Boteler, knight, price 11d. [*sic*]. (*Original, page* 16)

Indictment of Andrew Norris, of Ridgemount, labourer, for an assault upon William Hopkins.—Appears and confesses. "To be in Bridewell a fortnight for his rude carriage in the court."

Indictment of Thomas Wright, of Flitton, and Thomas Wotton, of Polloxhill, shepherds, for stealing one sheep, price 11d., of the

goods of Thomas Constable.—Wotton appears and confesses. To be whipped. Wright appears, pleads not guilty; is acquitted by the jury "and did not fly."

Indictment of Edward Rolles, yeoman, and Robert Wells, both of Milton Bryan, and constables of the said town, for suffering rogues and vagrants to pass unpunished.—They appear and confess. Wells fined 20s. and Rolles 10s. (*Original, page* 17)

Appearance of Mr. Smith to the information against James Noell, gentleman.

Appearance of Mr. Jones to the information against John Butterfield, Henry Butterfield, Robert Woodstocke, William Hawthorne, Thomas Evans, Thomas Crouch and Thomas Mathewe.

"I plead not guilty for those above-named, and pray licence to compound, John Brown."

Licence to compound is granted to the persons aforesaid.

Writ of venire facias is awarded for the informer against Samuel Impey.

Plea of not guilty by Mr. Turnor for Samuel Impey.

The like plea for Smith.

Subpœna for Robert Turrold against :—

William Warren for stocking,

Samuel Wright for ingrossing,

Godfrey Moore, for the like,

John Aunger, for the like,

—— Emery, widow, for the like.

Thomas Loader, for the like,

William Astedyne, for the like. (*Original, page* 90)

Attachment against John Manley, gentleman, and John Bithwray. (*Original, page* 91)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 10th JANUARY, 1653-4.

Indictment of Edmund Ashwell, of Leighton, for fishing with unlawful nets in the several fishing of Sir Thomas Leigh, knight.—Appears. Fined 5s. Paid. Discharged.

Indictment of Robert White, John Ward, Robert Crouch, Thomas Kent, William Therer otherwise Cooper, of Pulloxhill, labourers, Edward Day and Nicholas Day of Westoning, labourers, and Richard Day of Silveshoe [Silsoe], labourer, for a riot and carrying away two loads of bushes and two loads of wood, the goods of William Lake.—Allowed a certiorari for all.

Indictment of Edward Fisher, of Flitton, Robert White, William Gregory, John Ward, Robert Crouch, Thomas Daniel, Andrew Ashby and William Therer otherwise Cooper, of Pulloxhill, labourers, for the like offence.—Allowed a certiorari for all.

Indictment of William Purrat of Barton, yeoman, for a battery upon Alice, wife of Luke Arden.—Appears, protests not guilty, yet submits. Fine 10s. paid. Discharged. (*Original, page* 18)

Indictment of Henry Fell, labourer, and Mary his wife, of Wilden, for taking away one peck of wheat, one piece of bread and cheese, and a quart of malt, of the value of 6d., the goods of John Wilshire, gentleman.—Appear and imparl. Confessed. Discharged.

Indictment of John Wilshire, the younger, of Colmworth, gentleman, and Thomas Rush, of Wilden, yeoman, for breaking the close and killing a female deer, price 60s., of John Knapp, clerk.—Appear and plead not guilty. Found not guilty.

Indictment of William Herring, of Little Staughton, labourer, for keeping an unlicensed alehouse.—Quashed for insufficiency, 11th July, 1653.

Indictment of Thomas Rawlins, of Wilden, butcher, John Carter, of Bolnehurst, labourer, and Alice Newman, of Colmworth, single woman, for a riotous battery upon Margaret Moore.—Rawlins appears and imparls. Newman confesses. Fined 10s. paid. Discharged.

Indictment of Robert Ravensden, of Clophill, warrener, for a battery upon Richard Heath.—Appears and imparls. Fined 12d. Discharged.

Indictment of William Purrat, of Barton, yeoman, for breaking down certain walls belonging to the town house of Barton.—Appears, protests not guilty, yet submits. Fine 10s. paid. Discharged. (*Original, page* 19)

Subpœna awarded for Henry Reynolds against John Bithwray.

Information filed for Henry Reynolds against John Bithwray upon the statute of 35 Henry VIII for stocking.

Attachment awarded against John Bithwray.

Subpœna for William Marlowe against John Bennell, Thomas Curtys, William Dearman, Andrew Walker, Robert Ellingham, Thomas Turney, Richard Cumberland, Nicholas Crouch, Thomas Oney, Valentine Stafford, Luke Puratt, Joseph Atkins, John Gregory, Robert Cheney, Matthew Tompkins, Silvester Cutler, Thomas Potts, Edward Inward, Richard Partridge, Lewis Boore, William Wheeler, and William Bushby, upon the statute of 35 Henry VIII.

Subpœna awarded for Robert Turrold against John Hunt, of Bolnehurst, Oliver Chowne, of Berkford, and William Baker for ingrossing and forestalling John Midleton and John Thompson and John Tompson.

Subpœna and information for Henry Reynolds against John Bithwray "for not leaving 12 standells." (*Original, page* 92)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 18th APRIL, 1653.

Indictment of Joane Poole, wife of Christopher Poole, of Leighton, innholder, and Christopher Poole, the younger, of Leighton, yeoman, for a battery upon Thomas Harbert, constable there.—Appear and imparl.

Indictment of John Higgins, and Richard Smith, yeomen, William Hobbes, labourer, of Milton in Buckinghamshire, Edward Tickhill and Henry Osborne, yeomen, of Chicheley, for a riot and battery upon Moses Price.—Higgins appeared, confessed. Fine 5s. paid. Discharged.

Indictment of John Laurence, the elder, of Harlington, for a trespass in the close of Richard Crawley there.—Appears and imparles; protests not guilty, yet submits. Fine 12d.

Indictment of William Perkins, late of Marston Mortaine, labourer, for breaking the house and close of Martha Edwards, widow, there.—Appears and confesses. Fine 12d. paid.

Indictment of John Bichenny, of Landen, in the county of Buckingham, cooper, for a battery upon Henry Reynolds at Turvey. (*Original, page* 20)

Indictment of John Wilshire, of Colmworth, gentleman, for a battery upon Anne, wife of John Auger.—Appears and imparls, 11 July, 1653: not guilty. Submits. Fine 10s. paid.

Indictment of the same John Wilshire "for a nuisance in lying dead and stinking corrupted flesh near the highway, to the infecting of the ayre."—Appears, submits. Fine 5s. paid.

Indictment of Henry Woodward, of Barton, husbandman, for taking away woods of Abraham Goldsmith to the value of 10d.—11 July, appears, pleads not guilty. Acquitted.

Indictment of Mary Leper, wife of Robert Leper, of Cardington, husbandman, for stealing one sheet of the value of 10d., of the goods of Richard Leveridge.—Appears. Confesses. To be whipped in Cardington.

Indictment of William Perkins, of Marston Mortaine, husbandman, for breaking the house and close, and taking away the goods of Martha Edwards, widow.—Appears and confesses. Fine 12d. paid.

Indictment of Thomas Sibthorpe otherwise Butcher, of Littlington, and Thomas Devocon otherwise Dyer, of Marston, yeomen, for breaking the close and taking away the goods of George Edwardes. —Sibthorpe appears and imparles. A certiorari allowed for Devocon. A certiorari allowed for all. (*Original, page* 21)

Indictment of Thomas Sibthorpe otherwise Butcher, yeoman, William Homan, labourer, and John Peirce, innkeeper, all of Littlington, Thomas Dyer *alias* Devocon, yeoman, and William Perkins, labourer, of Marston Mortaine, and Thomas Sam, of Ampthill, yeoman, for breaking open the house and close and barn of Martha Edwards, widow, at Marston.—All but Sam appear and imparle. Allowed a certiorari for all.

Indictment of the same Thomas Sibthorpe and Thomas Dyer, etc., for treading down the grass with horses in the yard and close of Martha Edwardes, widow, at Marston.—Sibthorpe appears and imparles. Allowed a certiorari for Dyer. Allowed a certiorari for all.

Indictment of the same Thomas Sibthorpe for speaking scandalous words of Justice Taylor and his warrant (namely): "It is some petty justice's warrant."—Appears and imparles. Allowed a certiorari.

Indictment of William Pepper, of Tingrith, carrier, and William Lenthorpe, of Westoning, labourer, for a forcible entry into the wood of Robert Ashton, esquire, in Tingrith.—Appear and imparl. Allowed a certiorari.

Indictment of William Pepper and William Henthorp (Denthorp?), "hither certifyed by Mr. Astrey and Captain Smith, taken before them at a private sessions for a forcible entry in the said wood."—Quashed for insufficiency. (*Original, page* 22)

Licence is granted to Lewis Bourne to compound with William Marlowe.

Licence is granted to William Baker to compound with Robert Turrold.

Licence is granted to Robert Thompson to compound with Robert Turrold.

Appearance of Mr. Turnor for John Bithwray at the suit of Turrold.

Subpœna for Robert Turrold against Michael Mayes. (*Original, page* 93)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 11th JULY, 1653.

Indictment of Edward Dudley, of Harrold, gentleman, for a battery upon Robert Martine.—Appears and imparls.

Indictment of John Haynes, of Ravensden, and Francis Hawkins and Edmund Harwood, both of Bedford, yeomen, for taking 6s. "extorciously" of Thomas Barrenger by colour of being bailiffs.—Confess. Fine 6d. apiece. Discharged.

Indictment of William Haynes, of Biddenham, yeoman, for a forcible entry into three roods of meadow in Biddenham of John Gifford, gentleman, upon [in] the possession of Robert Woodward.—Appears, confesses, submits to his fine assessed at 6d. Paid. Discharged.

Indictment of John Woodstock, of Clophill, yeoman, for not making a sufficient fence between his ground and that of Thurston Heath at Clophill.—Appears and confesses. Fine 6d. paid. Discharged.

Indictment of Geoffrey Shortred, of Clophill, yeoman, for the like between the ground of him and the said Thurston.—Fine 12d. paid. Discharged. (*Original, page* 23)

Indictment of Thomas Child, gentleman, Thomas Sexton, yeoman, Henry Child, yeoman, John Moakes, labourer, John Lambert, John Sperry and William Myers, labourers, all of Roxton, for throwing earth into a certain current of water where part of the river Ouse did run between the several meadow ground in Roxton and a parcel of common ground there, whereby a highway in

Tempsford leading from Biggleswade to Eaton Socon is overflowed and "annoyed with water."—Thomas Child, Henry Child, Lambert, Moakes and Myers appear, imparl, demur. Court wishes to advise, 2 October, 1654. Quashed for insufficiency.

Indictment of John Haynes of Ravensden, Edmund Cosen of Felmersham, and Edmund Harwood of Bedford, husbandmen, for a battery upon Thomas Barrenger and for taking away his gelding.—Appear, confess with protest. Fine 6d. apiece. Paid.

Indictment of Edward Pryor, William Lyncham, Matthew Collins, and John Crawley, all of Sundon, husbandmen, for a battery upon Richard Peppiat, Elizabeth Chewe, wife of Thomas Chewe, Elizabeth Chewe, spinster, Henry Purton and Andrew Turpin.—Pryor and Crawley fined 2s. 6d. apiece. Paid. Discharged.

Indictment of Edward Dudley, of Harrold, gentleman for a battery upon William Franklyn. (*Original, page* 24)

Plea of not guilty by Mr. Turner for William Warren, and John Bithwray.

Attachment against Michael Mayes, bound over in 20s. (*Original, page* 94)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 3rd October, 1653.

Indictment of Margaret Pennyfather, of Milbrooke, widow, for speaking false and opprobrious words against the governors and government of England.—Appears. Submits. Fine 5s. paid. Discharged.

Indictment of Emme, the wife of Robert Saunders, of Little Stoughton, carpenter, "for the feloniously bewitching of William Holland."—Transmitted to the assizes.

Indictment of the inhabitants of Dunstable, for permitting a manslaughter in the said town in the daytime to be committed, and the offenders to escape.—Appear and imparl, 10th July, 1654. Not guilty. Confess. Fine £20 (*sic*).

Indictment of the inhabitants of Shefford, for the like offence.—Appear and imparl. Not guilty. Found so.

Indictment of James Richardson, of Turvey, gentleman, for speaking false and scandalous and malicious words against the forces of the Commonwealth of England.—Appears. Fine 10s. Submits. Paid. Discharged.

Appearance of Mr. Dudley to the *scire facias* upon the recognizance against him. (*Original, page* 25)

Subpœna for Robert Turrold against :—

Sir William Palmer, knight, for stocking,

Henry Sparke,

Symon Potton,

Ralfe Socklyn,

Robert Weekes,

William Stokes.

Attachment awarded against Abraham Chapman, Thomas Lawmant, and Mathew Stoughton.

Subpœna for William Marlowe against :—

Henry Botsworth,

John Gregory,

Edward Prior,

John Greene,

Edward Butcher, *alias* Wooley,

Thomas Day,

Thomas Fensam,

Thomas Piggott,

Thomas Powell,

William Pepper,

William Fox.

Subpœna and information against John Babington of Wotton, for stocking. (*Original, page* 95)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 9th JANUARY, 1653-4.

Indictment of Robert Woodward, of Streatley, Edward Ivory and Richard Prudden, yeomen, for disobeying an order of this court.—Appeared and discharged "because they paid money to Phillips."

Indictment of Thomas Rechford, of Oakeley, husbandman, for killing one pigeon with a gun.—Appears and confesses. Fine 6d.

Indictment of Anne Thody, of Elvestowe, widow, for a battery upon John Crane.—Appears and imparles. Fine 2s. 6d.

Indictment of John Bucke, "Maudlin," his wife, Elizabeth Bassy and Margaret Batty, of Tolethrup, in the county of York, for stealing a cloak worth 10d. from Thomas King.—"Not guilty all except Maudlin."

Indictment of William Metcalfe, of Dunstable, yeoman, for a battery upon Edward Heath.—Appears and imparles. Fined 3s. 4d. Confessed and paid. (*Original, page* 26)

Indictment of John Leighton, of Biggleswade, "vitler." for breaking the assize.—Appeared and confessed. Fined 6d.

Indictment of John Leighton and Samuel Field, of Biggleswade, smith, for working on the Lord's Day.—Both appeared. Fined 6d.

Indictment of Anne, the wife of John Yorke, of Wotton, labourer, for stealing two "millbills" worth 11d. from Edward Cater, esquire. Found not guilty.

Indictment of George Barnett *alias* Cripsey, of Flitwick, "cordwayner," for erecting a cottage in Flitwick against the form of the statute.—Appears. Fined 5s. Paid. (*Original, page* 27)

Appearance, plea and licence of composition for John Babington, of Wotton.

The like for Henry Sparke.

Mr. Jones appears for Abraham Chapman.

Mr. Brownes appears for William Pepper.

Mr. Smith appears for William Wheeler.

Subpœna and information for William Lawson against Edward Greene of Husborne Crawley, draper.

Attachments awarded against :—

Henry Botsworth,

John Gregory,

Edward Prior,

John Greene,

Edward Butcher, *alias* Wooley,

Thomas Day,

Thomas Fensam,

Thomas Piggott,

Thomas Powell,

Appearance, plea and licence of composition for Sir William Palmer, knight.

Subpœna and information against William Smith. File awarded against Richard Botley, Thomas Wise, Thomas Osman, Humfrey Osman, John Goodman, John Stepping, William Knott, Luke Sermon, John Peacock, John Stringer and Gilbert Porter.

Licence of composition is granted to Robert Weeks and William Stokes with Robert Turrold. (*Original, page* 96)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 3rd APRIL, 1654.

Indictment of Robert Hannell, of Market Street, labourer, for a battery upon Mary Taylor.—Confesses. Fined 18d. Paid. Discharged.

Indictment of the same Robert for a trespass upon the house of Robert Poole at Dunstable, and for breaking his windows, and a battery upon the same Robert.—Confesses. Fined 18d. paid. Discharged.

Indictment of William Taylor, of Luton, "poulter," for a battery upon Elizabeth Wilson.—Appears and imparles.

Indictment of the same William for a battery upon the same Elizabeth, and an attempt to ravish her.

Indictment of Edward Kidd, for being the father of a child of Elizabeth Lodge.—Appears and imparles. Pleads not guilty. Found not guilty by jury. (*Original, page* 28)

Indictment of William Wilson, yeoman, and Ralph Bland, labourer, both of Clophill, for a battery upon Susan, wife of John Hockett. —Wilson appears and confesses. Fine 12d. Ralph Bland fined 6d.

Indictment of Robert Poole, yeoman, Dorothy Poole, spinster, and Mary Taylor, spinster, all of Dunstable, for a battery upon Robert Hannell.—Confess. Fined 6d. apiece. Paid. Discharged.

Indictment of Henry Grimsdich, of Clapham, labourer, for stealing two pigs worth 10d. of the goods of Thomas Fage.—Confesses. To be whipped.

Indictment of Stephen Smyth, of Woborne, yeoman, and Moses Price of the same, carrier, for laying blocks in the street at Woborne.—Appear. Fined 10d. apiece.

Indictment of William Shakespeare, of Campton, labourer, for stealing five hens worth 10d., of the goods of an unknown person.—Pleads not guilty. Found guilty by the jury. To be whipped. (*Original, page* 29)

Licence of composition is granted to William Smith with William Marlowe for forestalling the market.

Plea of not guilty by Mr. Jones for William Fox.

Plea of not guilty by Mr. Browne for William Pepper.

Appearance and imparlance by Mr. Slingesbie for Edward Greene.

Licence of composition is granted to Thomas Piggott "for putting cattle into coppice woods," Marlowe.

Subpœna and information for William Marlowe against William Peirson, of Sundon, for forestalling of grain.

Subpœna and information for Henry Reynolds against Hugh Tysham, Vincent Cox and William Whistler for stocking.

Subpœna for "A. B." against Henry Sparkes of Northill.

Subpœna for Robert Turrold against William Cooch, Francis Duncombe, Jonathan Houghton, Michael Mayes, John Harrold and Stephen Earle. (*Original, page* 97)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 10th JULY, 1654.

Indictment of Nicholas Yerrell, of Blunham, yeoman, for a forcible entry and "deteyner" of one messuage, 50 acres of land, 6 acres of meadow and 3 acres of pasture, with appurtenances, in Blunham, being the freehold of Anne Yerrell.—Appears and imparles. Found guilty by the jury. Allowed a certiorari.

Indictment against Richard Bulmer, of Eynsbury, in Huntingdonshire, Robert Wright, George Boston and Thomas Boston, of Wiboston, yeomen, for an assault on Thomas Banes.—All appear and submit with protestation. Bulmer, Boston and Boston fined 12d. apiece. Paid. Wright fined 20s. Paid. Discharged.

Indictment of Alice, wife of Thomas Pheasant, of Cardington, labourer, for stealing one "cambrick ruffe," worth 9s., of the goods of Swinney Hills, widow.—Pleads not guilty. Found guilty. The "ruffe" valued at 10s. Judgment. To be whipped.

(*Original, page* 30)

Indictment of John Knight, of Luton, maltster, for a battery upon Ralph Whitbread.

Indictment of the same John "for rescussing himself out of the custody of Ralph Whitbread," one of the bailiffs of Henry Pigott, esquire, sheriff of the county.

Indictment of Richard Lawrence, one of the constables of Mogerhanger, for neglecting to execute a warrant directed to him from Mr. Justice Cockayne.—Respited to the next sessions.

Indictment of Alice, wife of Joseph Farey, of Sandey, labourer, for stealing two hens worth 11d. of Edward Brown.—Pleads not guilty. Found guilty. To be whipped.

Indictment of Francis Corbett, of Sundon, gentleman, for breaking the pound at Sundon and "rescussing" his cattle from thence.—Quashed.

(*Original, page* 31)

Plea by Mr. Slingesby of a misnomer for Greene at the suit of Lawson upon an information upon 5 Elizabeth, 4.

Appearance of Mr. Impey for Henry Bottisford against Marlowe, upon an information for stocking "and biting the germines."

Appearance of Mr. Impey for John Gregory at the suit of Marlowe for the like.

Appearance of Mr. Jones for Daniel Leach at the suit of Marlowe for the like.

Appearance of Mr. Jones for Edward Prior at the suit of Marlowe for the like.

Subpœna and information for Thomas Edwardes, gentleman, against John, Lord Lovelace, and William Willoughby, esquire, for the like in Harlington Wood.

Subpœna for Robert Turrold against Robert Merydale of Potton, James Smyth, of the same, Nicholas Rafes, William Lickorish, of Tempsford, Sarah Bigg of Purton, Gilbert Meane of Morton, William Goodman, "poulters," Peter Dickinson of Sharnebrooke [upon the statute of] 5 Elizabeth, butcher, Thomas Farrer *alias* Cooper, tailor, William Chapman, of Deane, and William Morris, drovers.

Attachment against William Cooch, Francis Duncombe, Jonathan Houghton, ingrossers, Michael Mayes, John Harrold, "poulters," and Stephen Earle, drover. (*Original, page* 98)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 2nd OCTOBER, 1654.

Indictment of William Whitbead of Stepingley, warrener, and Ambrose Whitamore, the younger, of Evershalt, yeoman, for a trespass in the warren of Colonel John Okey, and taking 14 coneys.—Whitbread appears and confesses. To be imprisoned three months, to give treble damages to Col. Okey, and to be of good behaviour. Whitamore appears and imparles. Not guilty.

Indictment of John Rolf, of Barton-in-the-Clay, labourer, for killing a pheasant with a hand-gun.

Indictment of William Thorogood, of Wrastlingworth, grocer, for a battery upon Elizabeth Tucke.—Appears and imparls.—Submits, fine 12d. paid.

Indictment of John Furson, of Dunstable, butcher, and Francis his wife, for a battery upon William Roe.—8 January, 1654-5, submits with protestation. Fine 12d. paid. Discharged. (*Original, page* 32)

Indictment of Joan, wife of William Heady of Ampthill, carpenter, for a battery upon Edward Atkins.—Appears and confesses. Fine 12d. (*Original, page* 33)

Writ of certiorari allowed for John Gregory to the information (sic).

Allowance of another for Henry Bottisford.

Appearance of Mr. Marsh for Michael Mayes to the information against him at the suit of Turrold.

Licence of composition is granted to Jonathan Houghton.

Plea of not guilty by Mr. Jones for Daniel Leach and for Edward Pryor.

Appearance of Mr. Slingesby for Thomas Farrer.

Judgment that Edward Greene "goe quitt without day."

Appearance of Mr. Iremonger for Francis Duncombe.

(*Original, page* 99)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD. 8th JANUARY, 1654-5.

Indictment of Robert Beacham, of Sandey, labourer, for a battery upon John Underwood, the younger.—Appears and submits. Fined 2s. 6d. Paid.

Indictment of John Bradley of Sandy, warrener, and Robert Beacham aforesaid, for breaking the close and taking away the net of John Underwood—Both appear and submit. Fined 2s. 6d. paid.

Indictment of George Edwards, of Marston Mortaine, husbandman, for a battery upon Matthew Cox.—Appears and imparles, 23rd April. Not guilty.

Indictment of Thomas Smith, of Warden, gentleman, for obtaining a warrant from Justice Cokayne, and by colour of searching for stolen goods, endeavouring to arrest Mr. Lewis Mordant.—Appears and confesses. Fined 10s. paid.

Indictment of John Becke, of Stepingley, labourer, for laying dung in the yard of William Greenwood, "which run through the ground pinning of his barne and rotted his grayne."—"Appears [and] imparles, 23rd April, 1655. Not guilty. Found soe."

(*Original, page* 34)

Indictment of John Cooper, of Marston Mortaine, yeoman, for breaking the house, pulling off the "thack" and spoiling the goods of Katherine Cooper.—Appears and submits. Fine 3s. 4d.

Indictment of William Hogg and William Austen, yeomen, constables of Billington, for delivering their warrant to John Pert, their prisoner, "who threw it into the fire and in their presence assaulted Bridgett Capon, Julian Chamberlaine and Robert Field, and then made an escape."—Both appear and submit. Hogg fined 10s. and Austen 5s.

Indictment of George Reeve, of Tuddington, yeoman, for stopping up a way leading through his close from Tuddington to Tingareth. —Appears and imparles. Fine 6s. 8d. Confesses.

Indictment of Joseph Dodkyn, of Tuddington, grocer, for a trespass in the close of John Bernard, gentleman, and killing a hare there. —Appeared. Quashed.

(*Original, page* 35)

Attachment against Stephen Earle, Peter Dickinson, William Goodman, Gilbert Meane, James Smith and Nicholas Rafes.

Subpœna for Robert Turrold against Robert Meridale, William Chapman, William Morris and John Roberts.

Subpœna for Edmund Harwood against James Francklin.

Writ of certiorari allowed for Daniel Leach.

Licence of composition is granted to Gilbert Meane, to James Smith and to Michael Mayes, and to William Goodman, who all appeared in person and pleaded not guilty for buying and selling dead victual.

Licence of composition is granted to Stephen Earle, "cattele."

The like to Peter Dickinson, butcher, upon 5 Elizabeth, and Francis Duncombe; all proceedings upon the information to stay till next sessions.

Mr. Slingesby demurred to Farrer's information. Judgment thereon "to go quitt without day." (*Original, page* 100)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 23rd APRIL, 1655

Indictment of William Beaumont of Sundon, yeoman, for perjury.—Allowed a certiorari.

Indictment of William Greenwood, of Stepingley, yeoman, for a trespass in setting a building upon the ground of John Beckwith.—Appears and submits, with protestation. Fined 3s. 4d.

Indictment of Clement Collop of Litlington, labourer, for petty larceny in stealing hay from Mary Bedcott, widow, to the value of 2d.—Pleads not guilty. Found guilty. "No goods. To be whipped."

Indictment of Robert Chernocke, of Westominge, yeoman, for speaking opprobious words of Justice Astrey.—Appears and imparles, 9 July; pleads not guilty, waives his plea. Fined 20s. Paid.

Indictment of William Greenwood, of Stepingley, yeoman, for a trespass and nuisance "by rotting the pales of William Gee with the droppings of his horse."—Appears, submits with protestation. Fine 3s. 4d. (*Original, page* 36)

Indictment of Edmund Chamberlayne, of Stratton Audely, in Oxon, gentleman, . . . Woods, of the same, gentleman, Edward Chamberlayne, gentleman, and John Abraham, yeoman, both of Cranfield, James Brookes Francis Clarke and Thomas Eliott, yeoman, all of North Crawley, Bucks, for breaking the park and killing a female deer, worth £4, and two male deers, worth £8, belonging to Henry, Earl of Peterborough.—John Abraham appears and pleads not guilty. Brook, Elliot and Clarke the like.

Indictment of Robert Wright, of Litlington, yeoman, for a trespass in ploughing up the soil of divers persons there.—Appears. Discharged. Fine 2s. 6d.

Indictment of Robert Sam, the elder, of Purton, in the county of Hertford, yeoman, for conveying away his son Robert Sam, the younger, "from the hands of justice," he being adjudged the father of a child of Jane Clare.—Appears and imparles.

Indictment of Thomas Clarke, of Sandy, yeoman, and Mary his wife, for an assault upon Robert Ball.—Appears and imparls.

(*Original, page* 37)

Subpœna for John Mumford against John Hervey, esquire, 35 Henry VIII.

Subpœna and information for George Cambers against Richard Joy, gentleman.

Subpœna for Robert Turrold against Edward Edwardes, William Woolson, Edward Logsden, John Moore, George Carter, William Myers, Thomas Milward, James Francklin, John Gates, Thomas Rechford, Reginald Fisher, Robert Merydale, John Roberts, Thomas Farrer *alias* Cooper, George Bateman, Peter Ingre, Gilbert Gallion and Samuel Goldsmyth.

Subpœna for William Marlowe against Henry Fysh, esquire, Robert Cheney, gentleman, William Pepper, Benjamin Hubbins, Richard Dudley, William Eden, Mathew Deane, John Allen, Joseph Baker and William Manfield, the elder.

Plea and licence of composition with William Marlowe for Mr. Robert Cheney.

Appearance of Mr. Iremonger for Joseph Baker.

Plea and licence of composition with Marlowe for Benjamin Hubbins.

The like for Mathew Deane and William Edyn.

The like for John Allen. (*Original, page* 101)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 9th JULY, 1655.

Indictment of Richard Partridge, Henry Purrat, Robert Pedder, yeomen, and Abraham Paul, labourer, all of Tilsworth, for a riotous trespass in the house and close of John Bucknam.—All appear. Fined 12d.

Indictment of Katherine Wainewright, wife of George Wainewright, shoemaker, George Wainewright, the younger, weaver, and William Wainewright, shoemaker, all of Lidlington, for a riotous assault upon Richard Reddell.—Appear and confess. Fined 2s. 6d.

Indictment of Thomas Field, wagoner, Richard Gale, wagoner, both of Bedford, and Robert Jeoffries, of Turvey, "poulter," for a battery upon Edward Blofield, gentleman, and Mary, wife of Charles Searborough, "Dr. of physicke."—Appear and imparl. Jeoffries submits. Fined 12d.

Indictment of Edmund Chamberlayne, gentleman, and others, as on p. 37, for a riot in the close and park of Henry, Earl of Peterborough, and sawing down one perch of pales.—Brooks, Elliot, Clarke and Abraham plead not guilty. (*Original, page* 38)

Indictment of Richard Partridge and Henry Purrat, both of Tilsworth, yeomen, for a battery upon Elizabeth, wife of John Bucknam.—All appear. Fined 12d.

Indictment of Richard Partridge, late of Tilsworth, and Henry Purratt, of Tilsworth, yeomen, for a battery upon Jane Bucknam, spinster.—All appear. Fined 12d.

Indictment of Elizabeth, the wife of John Bucknam, yeoman, and Jane Bucknam, spinster, both of Tilsworth, for a battery upon Richard Partridge.—Both appear. Fined 30s. Paid.

Indictment of Richard Birchmore, of Market Street, yeoman, for a battery upon Anne Killingworth, [spinster].—Appears and imparles.

Indictment of the same Richard for committing adultery with the same Anne.—Certified to the judges of the assizes.

Indictment of John Bernard, of Chalgrave, gentleman, for refusing to pay his proportionable part towards a tax for the repair of the highways in Chalgrave.—Appears and imparles. Quashed 1st October. (*Original, page* 39)

Indictment of Lancelot Dockwra, of Puckeridge, in the county of Hertford, gentleman, for a battery upon John Birt.

Indictment of the same Lancelot, for a battery upon William Cole.

Indictment of Marjorie, wife of James Cooch, of Shefford, tailor, for stealing a yard of "cutworke," worth 10d., of the goods of Richard Wyant.—Appears. Fine 6d.

Indictment of William Alee, of Studham, yeoman, for neglecting to do his duty as surveyor of the highways of Studham.
(*Original, page* 40)

Licence of composition is granted to Chapman at the suit of Turrold.

Attachment for Turrold against Robert Meryden, John Roberts, Samuell Goldsmith and Gilbert Gallion.

Subpœna for Turrold against Lewis Albon, upon 5 Elizabeth, Thomas Farrer *alias* Cooper, and Edward Edwardes, the younger, upon the same.

Subpœna for Marlowe against William Woodland, Thomas Vincent, William Fox and Jeoffery Wyldman.

Appearance of Mr. Paratt for Robert Meriden.

Licence is granted to John Roberts to compound with Robert Turrold.

Appearance of Mr. Turnor for Jeoffery Wildman and for William Fox.

Appearance of Arthur Claner who pleads and prays licence of composition for Richard Joy at the suit of George Cambers.
(*Original, page* 102)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 1st OCTOBER, 1655.

Indictment of William Andrew, of Egginton, yeoman, for a "rescous" of goods taken upon a judgment for tithes.—Removed by certiorari.

Indictment of John Bowman of Pavenham, mat-maker, for a battery upon Thomas Watford.—Appears. Fine 2s. 6d.

Indictment of Lee Sadlier, of Ampthill, gentleman, and Margaret Martyn, of the same, widow, for breaking the house of William Savage, gentleman, and a cupboard worth 5s., of the said William. —both appear and imparl. Both plead not guilty. Martyn submits with protest. Fined 12d.

Indictment of Charles Norman, of St. Neots, butcher, William Gore, of Eaton Socon, yeoman, Katherine Thorpe and Mary Thorpe of the same, spinsters, for making an assault upon Edmund Harwood and rescuing William Thorpe out of custody.—Gore and two Thorpes fined 5s. apiece. They submit with protestation.

Indictment of James Chambers, of Cople, labourer, for a battery upon Richard Baylie.—Appeared and confessed. Fined 6d.
(*Original, page* 41)

Indictment of William Thorpe, of Eaton Socon, yeoman, for a battery upon Edmund Harwood.—Fined 5s. Submits with protestation.

Indictment of Francis Harris, late of Keyshoe [Keysoe], labourer, for breaking the close and stealing one shirt and three neck-cloths, worth 11d., of Stephen Day at Keyshoe.—Confesses. To be whipped.

Indictment of Joan Butt, of Ampthill, spinister, for breaking the house and taking the goods of Richard Crawley at Harlington.—Confessed. Fined 6d.

Indictment of Robert Man, of Cranfield, yeoman, for speaking words against the magistrate and minister in contempt of the government of the nation.—Confesses. Fine 2s. paid.

Indictment of the inhabitants of Badlesden, for not repairing a highway there leading from Hockliff to Potsgrove.—14th July. Quashed for insufficiency.

Indictment of the inhabitants of Badlesden, for not choosing two surveyors of the highways the Tuesday after Lady-Day, according to the ordinance.—Not guilty. Quashed for insufficiency.
(*Origiaal, page* 42)

Plea of not guilty by Mr. Paratt for Meryden.

Plea and licence of composition for Edward Edwards at the suit of Turrold.

Attachment for Marlowe against William Wheeler and William Manfield.

Subpœna for him against William Woodland of Husborne Crawley "for shooting in a hand-gun in Brogborough Park at hares and pigeons."

Attachment for Turrold against John Gates, Thomas Retchford, Gilbert Gallion and Samuel Goldsmith. (*Original, page* 103)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 7th JANUARY, 1655-6.

Indictment of Robert Wilkinson, late of Newport Pagnell, in the county of Buckingham, labourer, "for selling brass ringes for gold."—Appears and imparles. Pleads not guilty.
(*Original, page* 43)

Information and subpœna for Robert Turrold against William Willoughby, esquire, for stocking up of Harlington wood against 35 Henry VIII.

Writ of certiorari allowed for removing a record of information against Robert Weekes and William Stokes into the court of Common Bench.

Appearance of Mr. Iremonger for Farrer *alias* Cooper at the suit of Robert Turrold.

Writ of venire facias by proviso returnable the next sessions between Turrold and Meriden. (*Original, page* 104)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 14th APRIL, 1656.

Indictment of Diana, wife of Charles Robinson, of Riseley, yeoman, for swearing four oaths.—Appears and confesses.

Indictment of Charles Robinson, of Riseley, yeoman, for swearing two oaths.

Indictment of Joyce, wife of Robert Woodfield, Edward Woodfield and William Woodfield, all of Southill, yeomen, for a battery upon Robert Jordan.—Fined 12d. apiece. Discharged.

Indictment of Robert Woodfield, of Southill, for speaking scandalous words of Alice, the wife of John Keynes.—Appears. Fine 12d.
(*Original, page* 44)

Subpœna for Robert Turrold against William Taylor, William Waddop and Richard Juskipp, "for buying and selling of cattle within 5 weeks."

Subpœna for Edward Child against Thomas Harper, George Wright and Jeoffery Barcocke, for killing of fish with unlawful netts."

Licence of composition for George Wright. (*Original, page* 105)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD. 14th JULY, 1656.

Indictment of Thomas Johnson, of Blonham, silk-weaver, and Agnes his wife, for a forcible entry and "deteyner" of one messuage, with the appurtenances, in Blunham, being the messuage of Robert Bromsall, holden to him and his heirs by copy of court roll at the will of the lord of the manor of Blonham, according to the custom of the said manor and in the possession of William Barr from the 20th June, 1655.—They appear and plead not guilty and are found not guilty by the jury.

Indictment of John Dyer otherwise "Devotion," and Thomas Dyer, yeomen, Thomas Allen, labourer, all of Marston Mortaine, for a forcible entry and "deteyner" of a messuage, with the appurtenances, called Mangey Hooe, otherwise Mangey Wood Farm, one close of pasture called Cowe Close, containing 12 acres, one close of pasture called Grove Close, containing 6 acres, and one other close of pasture called Hogg Close, containing 5 acres, in Marston Mortaine, being the freehold of Alice Rogers, widow, Katherine Paley, widow, Mary Prior, widow, Thomas Sidthorpe and Thomas Cox, in the possession of John Beaumont, their farmer, 6 persons unknown (*sic*) 1 July.—A writ of restitution is awarded and made.

Indictment of the said John Dyer, Thomas Dyer and Thomas Allen, "for riotously rescussing a distress of one steere and sixteen cows taken by John Beaumont, damage fesant, in Cowe Close."
(*Original, page* 45)

Indictment of Samuel Field, of Biggleswade, blacksmith, and Dorothy his wife, and William Laughton of the same, blacksmith, for a battery upon Hugh Williamson.—Appear. Fine 2s. paid. Discharged.

Indictment of John Bernard, of Chalgrave, gentleman, for a battery upon James Eames.—Appears. Fine 3s. 4d. paid. Discharged.

Indictment of Anne, the wife of Thomas Wales of Stanford, yeoman, for a battery upon Mary Carter.—Appears. Fined 2s. Paid. Discharged. (*Original, page* 46)

Information, plea and licence of composition for Christopher Perry to compound with William Marlowe.

The like for Robert Cheyne upon the statute of 35 Henry VIII., for stocking up of woods.

The like for Mathew Deane, for buying and selling cattle contrary to the —— of Edward VI.

Attachment upon the oath of William Marlowe of the serving of the subpœna, to be made against Thomas Wallis, John Emerton, John Catlyn, the elder, John Catlyn, the younger, Jeremy Constable, Edward Knoxall, Laurence Crawley and William Woodland.

Appearance of Mr. Fitzjeofferie who imparles to the information against Robert Woodwell.

Subpœna for Edward Child against Richard Baker, Richard Smith and William Stoakes, for fishing. (*Original, page* 106)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 6th OCTOBER, 1656.

Indictment of Joseph Stevens, of Clophill, labourer, for a battery upon William Goodwyn.—Appears. Fined 5s. paid.

Indictment of William Green, of Shefford, sadler, and William Buxton, of the same, labourer, "for pretending a deputation to take away grey hounds from persons not qualified to keep any."—Appear. Fined 12d. apiece. Paid.

Indictment of Thomas Goodale and Walter Smith, constables of Potton, for permitting vagrants delivered to them to go unpunished. —Appear. Fined 10s. Paid.

Indictment of William Judkyn, of Stachden, yeoman, for a battery upon John Battison.—Appears and imparles. Fined 5s.

Indictment of Peter Lynford, of Cotton End, wheelwright, for a battery upon Mary Bromfield, and an attempt to ravish her.—Appears and imparles. Fined 20s. (*Original, page* 47)

Indictment of William Goodwyn, of Clophill, miller, for a battery upon Joseph Stevens.—Appears. Fined 2s. 6d. Paid.

Indictment of Samuel Cost, of Elvestowe, labourer, for a battery upon Thomas Prydden.—Appears. Fined 5s. Paid.

Indictment of Christopher Perry, of Hockliffe, innholder, for a battery and false imprisonment upon John Barker.—Appears. Fined.

Indictment of Richard Sampson, of Shefford, carpenter, Isaac Parrell of the same, labourer, and Mary his wife, for a battery upon William Buxton.—Sampson and Mary Parrell appear. Fined 12d. apiece. Paid. Isaac fined 12d.

Indictment taken by special inquisition before John Hervy and Edward Cater, esquire, against Elizabeth, the wife of Mathew Smith, for a forcible "deteyner" of a cottage, being the freehold of Milicent Wiggens. (*Original, page* 48)

Appearance of Mr. Marsh to an information for Thomas Vyes at the suit of Turrold.

Appearance of Mr. Turnor for Snoxall and Wallis upon an information at the suit of Marlowe; they plead not guilty and pray licence to compound and it is granted.

Writ of venire facias by proviso for Farrer *alias* Cooper, at the suit of Turrold.

Subpœna and information for Edward Heyward against William Young and Stephen Earle, for buying a crop at Biddenham.

Attachment awarded for Robert Turrold against Humfrey Osborne, Thomas Berkley, Edward Osborne and Peter Peacocke.

Subpœna for him against Edward Dawes, carrier at Woborne,

Jeremy Kippis for buying a crop at Wroxton,

Robert Manning for buying cattle,

Richard Impey for buying corn,

William Babbington for buying a crop.

John Woodward and Henry Woodward for the like.

Subpœna and information for Edward Heyward against Thomas Battison for buying corn and malt; Anthony Rush and Thomas Watford for the like; John Watford for forestalling; Hugh King for a drover; Richard Boughton, grocer and weaver; Henry Latham, grocer, and Matthew Wakefield *alias* Chamberlayne, for ingrossing. (*Original, page* 107)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 12th JANUARY 1656 7.

Indictment of William Bunker, Thomas Whitamore and Edward Starley, all of Harlington, labourers, for a battery upon Robert Gale.—Appear. Fined 6d.

Indictment of Robert Gale, of Harlington, yeoman, for a battery upon William Bunker.—Appears, submits with protestation. Fined 10s. paid.

Indictment of Francis Rawson, of Wyboston, for a battery upon John Thorowgood.—Appears.

Indictment of Francis Coleman, of Woborne, grocer, for not repairing the fence between his garden and the garden of Henry Hill at Woborne.—Appears. Fined 12d.

Indictment of William Waller, of Wilshamstead, labourer, for taking £3 4s. in "numbred" money of the goods of William Bull.—Appears. Fined 12d. (*Original, page* 49)

Appearance of Matthew Wakefield who pleads and prays licence to compound and it is granted.

Appearance of Mr. Turnor to an information against Thomas Battison at the suit of Heyward.

Appearance of William Younge and Stephen Earle who plead and pray licence of composition, which is granted.

Attachments for Edward Heyward against John Watford, Thomas Watford, Hugh King and Henry Lathan.

Subpœna for him against Thomas Smith, for buying "dead victual" without licence, and against William Cooper for stocking of wood at Wooton.

Subpœna for William Marlowe against William Fellowes, Richard Phillips and Robert Birch, for selling cattle; Christopher Crouch, Edward Hickman, William Andrews and William Wilcox for ingrossing; and Joseph Ladyman and Jeremy Constable for "poulters."

Subpœna for Edward Heyward against John Austen for ingrossing; Jeremy Kippis for buying a crop; Michael Merrill for using two trades, Richard Carter for ingrossing and Simon Bunny, drover. (*Original, page* 108)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 6th APRIL, 1657.

Indictment of Margaret Moore, of Colmworth, spinster, for a battery upon Margaret Rush.—Appears and imparles. Fined 5s. Paid.

Indictment of William Chapman, of Barton, labourer, for a battery upon Susan, the wife of Richard Field.—Appears and submits. Fine 20s.

Indictment of Thomas Thredder, of Hawnes, yeoman, for a battery upon Samuel Cotton.—Appears, submits with protestation. Fine 2s 6d.

Indictment of Thomas Mayhew, of Barford, gentleman, for a battery upon Thomas Walker, constable, of Kempston, being in the execution of his office.—Appears and imparles.

Indictment of Edward Heath, Samuel Cotton, yeomen, and Oliver Crick, labourer, all of Hawnes, for a battery upon Thomas Thredder, and a riot.—Appear. Heath confesses. Fined 10s. Crick fined 18d. Cotton imparles. (*Original, page* 50)

Indictment of Thomas Mayhew of the Middle Temple, London, gentleman, for saying that he cared not a—— for any justice of the peace in England.—Appears and imparles.

Indictment of Edward Heath, the younger, and Samuel Cotton, yeomen, and Oliver Kirk, labourer, all of Hawnes, for a riotous trespass and entry into the warren of Thomas Thredder, "and for chasing his coneys with dogges."—Heath confesses. Fined 10s. Cricke confesses. Fine 12d. Cotton appears and imparls.

Indictment of Francis Cockayne, of Souldrop, gentleman, Thomas Wells, gentleman, and William Moulso, yeoman, both of Sharmebrooke, for "rescussing" a cow and calf of the goods of James Mountague, esquire, distrained by William Elson and William Hide, constables of Sharmebrooke, for not paying 32s. 6d. assessed upon him towards the repair of Sharmebrooke Church, by virtue of a warrant from Captain Wagstaffe and Mr. Cockayne.

Indictment of Oliver Rands of Felmersham, gentleman, Richard Conquest, the younger, gentleman, William Knight, John Allen, Thomas Cox and Edward Read, all of Severton, yeomen, for a forcible entry into one messuage consisting of a hall, kitchen, parlour, entry, gate house, parlour chamber, hall chamber, kitchen chamber, two barns, one dove house, two yards, two closes containing 6 acres, being the freehold of Richard Conquest, esquire, and in his occupation, detained from 4th April.—Rands dead. Cox fined 12d. Knight fined 12d. (*Original, page* 51)

Appearance of Mr. Turnor who pleads to the information against John Watford at the suit of Edward, and prays licence of compositions, which is granted. Ingrossing.

Jeremy Kippis, ingrosser, doth the like at his suit.

Appearance of Arthur Claver who pleads and prays licence of composition for Edward Hickman at the suit of William Marlowe.

The like for Christopher Crouch, ingrosser, at his suit.

Appearance of William Andrews in person to an information at the suit of William Marlowe.

Appearance of Mr. Paratt for Richard Carter at the suit of Edward Heyward.

Appearance of Mr. Marsh who pleads and prays licence of composition for John Buckingham at the suit of ——— Perkins.

The like for Thomas Long at his suit.

Appearance of William Wilcox in person to the information against him at the suit of William Marlowe.

Subpœna for Edward Heyward against Thomas Leach, William Earle, Thomas Faldoe, William Smith, Henry Hall, John Gore and John Morton.

Subpœna for Edward Child against John Emery for ingrossing and Ralph Child, Drover.

Subpœna for William Marlowe against Thomas Powell, the elder, Thomas Powell the younger, Richard Powell, Robert Cheyne, Richard Phillips and Jonathan Houghton, for stocking.
(*Original, page* 109)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 13th JULY, 1657.

Indictment of Mary Slowe, of Clifton, spinster, for speaking scandalous words of Alice, the wife of Sam Hill.—Appears, confesses with protestation. Fined 3s. 4d.

Indictment of Joseph Brandreth, of King's Houghton, gentleman, for a battery upon William Knight.—Appears and imparles.

Indictment of Thomas Hamersley, gentleman, and Thomas Playter, tailor, both of Woborne, for that being chosen surveyors of the highway of Woborne, they did neglect the execution of their office. —Both appear, imparl and confess. Fined 2s. 6d. apiece. Paid. Discharged.

Indictment of Samuel Berry, of Thurley, husbandman, for "imoderately" beating three stoned horses and one gelding, of the goods of John Neale, esquire.—Appeared, confessed. Fined 3s. 4d.
(*Original, page* 52)

Indictment of Francis Coleman, of Woborne, grocer, for affixing certain hurdles and stakes upon the ground and quicksets of Henry Hill.—Appears and confesses. Fined 12d.

Indictment of William Warren, of Wilshamstead, cooper, for a battery upon Joan, the wife of William Browne. (*Original, page* 53)

Plea of not guilty by Mr. Paratt for Richard Carter at the suit of Heyward; William Wilcockes pleads not guilty and prays licence of composition with William Marlowe.

Writ of venire facias by proviso for Battison at the suit of Heyward.

Appearance of Mr. Rands who pleads not guilty for Thomas Leach at the suit of Heyward, warrant for trial.

Appearance of Robert Cheyne to an information at the suit of William Marlowe.

Appearance of Mr. Browne for Thomas Powell, the elder, Thomas Powell, the younger, and Richard Powell at the suit of Marlowe.

Subpœna for Edward Heyward against John Austen, Oliver Saby, William Covell, John Watford, the younger, John Edwards, John Sharpe and John Rensford, "for buying grain on the ground."

Subpœna for the same against Stephen Earle and William Young, for the same, and John Ley "poulter." (*Original, page* 130)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 5th OCTOBER, 1657.

Indictment of John Coles, of Baddlesden, labourer, Thomas White, of Chalgrave, smith, and Robert Perry, of Hockliffe, yeoman, for a battery upon Robert Birchmore, constable, of Badlesden.—White fined 6d. Perry 3s. 4d. Coles 3s. 4d.

Indictment of Edmund Cosen, of Ravensden, yeoman, for a forcible entry and "deteyner" of a messuage and 100 acres of pasture in Ravensden, being the freehold of John Rawlins.—Appears and confesses. Fined 5s.

Indictment of Richard Ward, of Pulloxhill, labourer, "for perjury before Commissioners in his depositions in Chancery, against the statute."

Indictment of Samuel Hopkins, of Pulloxhill, clerk, for perjury as aforesaid. (*Original, page* 54)

Information plea and composition for Edward Heyward against John Sanderson and Jeremy Underwood, "for buying of a crop on the ground at Clifton."

The like for him against Francis Elson of Bletsoe, for the like there.

Subpœna for William Marlowe, against Henry Quarey and Adam Quarey, for forestalling the market, and Oliver Scott, for using the trade of a blacksmith.

Subpœna for Edward Heyward, against Henry Houghton, for using the trade of a butcher, and John Bland.

Subpœna for William Marlowe, against Richard Taylor.

Subpœna for Thomas Perkins, against William Element, Richard Snoxall and Richard Conley, for ingrossing.

Subpœna for Edward Heyward, against Harman Houghton (5 Elizabeth) James Gardener, John Bishop, John Stratton and John Bleame, for buying crops, and Gideon Fisher, for stocking.
(*Original, page* 111)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 11th JANUARY, 1657-8.

Indictment of Thomas Cockdale, of Luton, labourer, for hunting in the park of Sir Robert Napier, knight, and killing and taking away one doe, worth £4.—Confesses. Judgment according to 3 James I. cap. 13.

Indictment of Thomas Battison and George Battison of Biddenham, yeomen, for a battery upon Laurence Tilcocke.—Both appear, confess. Fined 6d. apiece.

Indictment of Thomas Wood, of Stratton Audeley, in the county of Oxford, gentleman, Peyton Chester, of Chicheley, in the county of Buckingham, gentleman, for breaking into the park of Henry, Earl of Peterborough, at Turvey, chasing his deer and killing and taking away one doe, price £4, and two bucks, price £8.

Indictment of Thomas Battison and George Battison, of Biddenham, yeoman, for a battery upon Laurence Tilcocke, the elder.—Both appear. Fined 6d. apiece.

Indictment of Edward Lewis, of Renhold, yeoman, for refusing, being constable, to make "hue and cry," when requested, after a felon who had robbed William Sansom.—Appears. Fined 12d. Discharged. (*Original, page* 55)

Appearance of Mr. Marsh who pleads not guilty to an information for Richard Taylor, at the suit of William Marlowe, and prays licence of composition, "and hath it, etc."

Mr. March doth the like for William Element, at the suit of Thomas Perkins.

The like by him for Richard Snoxall at the suit of the same.

The like by him for Richard Conley, at the suit of the same.

Arthur Claver doth the like for John Blanc, at the suit of Edward Heyward.

The like by him for Harman Houghton, at the suit of the same.

Subpœna for William Marlowe, against John Freeman, Thomas Astwood, Thomas Baylie, Edward Wyes and John Brickett.

Subpœna for Edward Heywood against Charles Stokes and Michael Sheppard. (*Original, page* 112)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 19th APRIL, 1658.

Indictment of William Athey, of Harrold, butcher, for that being constable, he spake these words: "I care not a —— for any justice of the peace in England."—Appears and imparles; confesses. Fined 12d. Paid. Discharged.

Indictment of Daniel Knight, of Luton, tailor, for a battery upon Robert Cooper.—Submits, with protest. Fined 12d.

Indictment of Thomas Hamersley, of Woborne, gentleman, and Thomas Goddard, of the same, tailor, for a battery upon Job Coleman, the constable there.—Hamersley dead. Goddard fined 6d. Paid.

Indictment of Henry Halsey, *alias* Chambers, of Luton, yeoman, for a battery upon John Clarke.—Submits with protest. Fine 12d.

Indictment of Jasper Clarke and John Clarke, of Luton, husbandmen, for a battery upon Henry Halsey *alias* Chambers.—Both submit with protest. Fined 12d. apiece. (*Original, page* 56)

Indictment of John Watts, of Kempston, mason, for a battery upon Richard Allen.—Submits, with protest. Fined 12d.

Indictment of William Hebbs, of Woborne, grocer, for a battery upon Henry Baduley (*sic*).—Appears. Fine 2s. 6d.

Indictment of William Owen, of Maldon, butcher, for using opprobrious words against Thomas, Earl of Elgin.—Appears and imparls. Pleads not guilty. Relinquished. Confessed. Fined 5s.

Indictment of Jonathan Argent, of Harrold, husbandman, for a forcible entry into a messuage and 8 acres of pasture in Kempston, being the freehold of Jonathan Argent, the younger, in the possession of Thomas Money and Richard Morton.—Fined 12d. Discharged. A writ of restitution. (*Original, page* 57)

Appearance of Mr. Marsh for John Freeman at the suit of Marlowe.

Appearance of Nicholas King for Thomas Astwood at the suit of Marlowe, pleads not guilty, and prays licence to compound for selling of grain.

Appearance of Mr. Foster, the coroner, for Thomas Baylie at the suit of Marlowe; pleads not guilty, and prays licence to compound.

Appearance of Nicholas King for Charles Stokes at the suit of Heyward, pleads not guilty and prays licence to compound.

The same appears for Edward Wyes, of Aspley, butcher, and for John Brickett, of Dunstable, drover, and pleads and prays as above.

Appearance of Michael Sheppard in person to an information at the suit of Heyward, and pleads and desires as above for usury.

Subpœna for Edward Heyward, against John Harley, for using two trades.

Subpœna for William Marlowe, against John Wyles and William Hickes, for cattle; against John Symontes, Christopher Buckmaster, Thomas Alston, John Ashby and Matthew Kettle, for grain.

Subpœna for Edward Heyward, against Mathew Yarwell, John Stepping, William Curtis, John Watford, Solomon Penyfather and John Thorne. (*Original, page* 113)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 12th JULY, 1658.

Indictment of Mary Paratt, of Tebworth, in the parish of Chalgrave, widow, for stopping up a way.—Appears and imparls. Confesses. Fined 6s. 8d., to be estreated.

Indictment of William Malcott, of Leighton Bussard, yeoman, and Richard Ray *alias* Rye, of the same, labourer, for a battery upon Giles Duncombe.—Fined 2s. 6d.

Indictment of John Reynolds, of Hollowell, labourer for a battery upon William Cooke.

Indictment of Anne Keyes, of Maldon, spinster, for stealing thirteen cheeses from William Smith, price 5s.—Appears, pleads not guilty. So found.

Indictment of George Sampson, of Shelford, innholder, and Judith his wife, for a battery upon Mordecai Meager. (*Original, page* 58)

Indictment of George Sole, of Flitwicke, tanner, for a battery upon John Reynolds.—Appears and imparles. Fined 10s. paid.

Indictment of William Abbis, of Eastcottes, mason, for refusing to serve as overseer of the poor of Eastcottes. Pleads not guilty; waives his plea. Confesses. Fined 6d. (*Original, page* 59)

Appearance of Matthew Yarrell in person to an information at the suit of Edward Heywood, pleads not guilty and prays licence to compound, and hath it, etc., for buying calves alive and selling them, etc.

John Stepping of Silsoe, William Curtis of Tuddington and John Watford of Renhold, do the like by Nicholas King.

Appearance of Mr. Brown, who pleads not guilty and prays licence to compound for Solomon Penyfather at the suit of Heyward.

Subpœna for Edward Heyward, against Samuel Berry, John Day, gentlemen, John Sharpe, Henry Boswell and John Collins, "for severally buying of crops on the ground."

Subpœna for him against Thomas Crawley, and Thomas Ruffhead, for following the trade of a baker, not having served as apprentice.

Subpœna for the same, against Joseph Stevens, for forestalling the market. (*Original, page* 114)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 4th OCTOBER, 1858.

Indictment of Joan Danby, of Shitlington, spinster, for a battery upon Mary Slowe.—Appears and imparles. Fined 2s. 6d.

Indictment of William Thorpe, of Hondon, in the parish of Eaton Socon, yeoman, for taking away and detaining Abigael Fox, the apprentice of Alexander Hart.—Appears and imparles.

Indictment of George Odell, of Tuddington, husbandman, for a battery upon Thomas Reeve.—Fined 6d. Paid.

Indictment of Elizabeth, the wife of Robert Ashwell, of Eytonbray, shoemaker, for a battery upon Elizabeth, the wife of John Cooke. —Appears. Fined 2s. 6d.

Indictment of Margaret Poulter, of Shitlington, spinster, for a battery upon Mary Slowe.—Appears and imparles. Fined 2s. 6d.
(*Original, page* 60)

Indictment of Richard Young, of Cranfield, yeoman, for breaking the house of Richard Fensam, and taking away one "coverbedd," price 16s., and two "doores" value 2s. 8d., of the goods of the said Richard.—Fined 6d. Paid.

Indictment of Robert Ashwell, of Eatonbray, shoemaker, for a battery upon Elizabeth, the wife of John Cooke.—Appears and imparles.

Indictment of Alice Symonds, of Silveshoe, spinster, for breaking the house of Thomas Gwyn, the younger, and taking three yards of "dimothy," worth 8s. 6d. of his goods.—Appears; pleads not guilty. So found.

Indictment of Richard Morton, of Luton, butcher, for a battery upon Elizabeth Day, spinster. Fined 13s. 4d.

Indictment of John Cooke, of Eyton Bray, weaver, and Elizabeth his wife, for a battery upon Robert Ashwell and Elizabeth his wife.—Both appear. Fined 6d. apiece. Paid. (*Original, page* 61)

Indictment of Thomas Purvey and James Gregory, both of Houghton Conquest, labourers, and Thomas Jayes, of Kempston, labourer, for a forcible entry into one messuage, 14 acres of land and one close of pasture containing 4 acres, with appurtenances, in Houghton Conquest, the 10th August last, being then the freehold of Frances Riseley, widow, and in her possession; "deteyner" from thence till the taking of the inquisition.—A writ of restitution awarded.

Indictment of John Impey, of Ampthill, labourer, and Anne Squier, of the same, spinster, "for living together in incontenency."—Both appear and plead not guilty; relinquish their plea and discharged by discretion of the court.

Indictment of Robert Eversby, of Langford, labourer, Matthew Reynolds, of the same, gentleman, and William Heminge, of the same, yeoman, for a battery upon Alice Browne.—All appear and imparle. Fined 2s. 6d.

Indictment of John Watkinson, of Luton, waggoner, for a battery upon John Bridgeman.—Appeared. Fined 12d. paid.
(*Original, page* 62)

Appearance of Nicholas King, pleads not guilty and prays licence to compound for Samuel Berry of Henlowe at the suit of Edward Heyward, for buying a crop on the ground.

The said Nicholas also appears, etc., as above for Joseph Stevens, the younger, at the suit of Heyward, for forestalling.

Appearance of Humfrey Tremonger, gentleman, for Thomas Ruffhead at the suit of Heyward, for exercising the trade of a baker, without having served as an apprentice thereto. (*Original, page* 115)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 10th JANUARY, 1658-9.

Indictment of Thomas Piggot, of Kempston, labourer, for breaking the yard of Thomas Bayes and taking away two "bottles" of his hay.—Confesses. Fined 3s. 4d. Paid.

Indictment of Michael Sam, of Clifton, yeoman, for not scouring a stream called King's Stream over against his own land in Round Mead in Clifton.—Appears and confesses. Fined 6d.

Indictment of William Cumberland, of Clifton, gentleman, for planting willow trees in a common stream in Clifton called King's Stream.—Not guilty.

Indictment of the same Michael for the like.—Appears and confesses. Fined 6d.

Indictment of Mary Selby, wife of Andrew Selby, of Potton, chapman, for a battery upon Edward Baker.—Appears and confesses, with protest. Fined 6d. (*Original, page* 63)

Indictment of Gregory Medbury of Eaton, labourer, for breaking the house of John Oliver at Eaton and taking a brass box and 10d. in money therein.—Confessed. Fined 12d.

Indictment of John Wright, of Kempston, labourer, for breaking the barn of John Marshall and stealing his grain, to the value of 10d. Confesses. To be whipped. (*Original, page* 64)

Subpœna awarded for Edward Heyward, against Symon Beckett, gentleman, and Francis Beckett, for buying a crop on the ground.

The like against —— Woodin. (*Original, page* 116)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 11th APRIL, 1659.

Indictment of Anthony Bray, of Bedford, yeoman, and Magdalen his wife, "for counterfeiting false orders, supposing the robbing by Turkish pyrates of[f] the Isle of Akon in Ireland, and thereby deceiving the people by false collections."—Both plead not guilty. He acquitted by verdict. She found guilty. To stand on the

pillory at Bedford, Ampthill, and Woborne on the market days two hours, with a paper on her hat expressing her offence and to be branded with the letter "C" on the forehead with a hot iron at Bedford.

Indictment of Thomas Tompkins, of Cranfield, labourer, for taking the lambs of John Sanders.—Confesses.

Indictment of William Yewill, of Tempsford, labourer, for stealing a bushel bag and bushel of corn, worth 10d., from Richard Brothwood. —Found guilty. To be whipped.

Indictment of Charles Poulton, late of Flitwick, gentleman, for breaking the enclosed park of the Earl of Bedford at Wobourne, chasing deer with a greyhound and killing and carrying away one doe worth £5.—Appears and imparles. Pleads not guilty.
(*Original, page* 65)

Indictment of William Wallace of Littlington, yeoman, for breaking the park and free warren of Henry Chester, esquire, at Littlington and taking "6 cople of conyes" worth 10s.—Confesses with protestation. Fined 40s. Paid.

Indictment of John Johnson, of Ampthill, labourer, for stealing a "sand box," value 10d. of Sir Martin Tomlinson and breaking his warren and killing his conies.—Guilty of the petty larceny; acquitted of the trespass.

Indictment of Thomas Theobalds, of Wilstead, labourer, for breaking the close of Richard Conquest, esquire, and for killing and carrying away a buck and a doe, each worth 10s., the property of the said Richard.—Appears and imparles. Acquitted by verdict.
(*Original, page* 66)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 11th JULY, 1659.

Indictment of William Simpson, of Culmworth, yeoman, for a battery upon Richard Deane.—Fine 10s. paid.

Indictment of Charles Poulton, of Flitwick, gentleman, for a battery upon Robert Godfrey.—Imparles and confesses. Fined 10s.

Indictment of Joseph Rickett, of Woborne, tailor, and Margaret his wife, for a battery upon Robert Smith.—Appear and confess. Fined 3s. 4d.

Indictment of George Robinson, of Millbrooke, hempdresser, for a battery upon John Sutton. (*Original, page* 67)

Subpœna for Edward Heyward, against Richard Inskipp of Southill, William Baskerfield of Great Stoughton, Peter Haynes of Biddenham, John Negus of the same, Thomas Smith of Wilden, William Smith of the same, John Edwards of Shefford and Thomas Greene of Dunstable, for buying crops; Leonard Fisher of Colmorth, John King of the same, Thomas Chichener, of Shitlington, William Peacocke of the same, and William Bradley of Steventon for the like.

Subpœna for James Chernocke against Thomas Throver of Barkhamsted, Francis Rolfe, John Wright of Northall, John Parish and John Hudson, for buying and selling dead victuals without licence. (*Original, page* 117)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 3rd OCTOBER, 1659.

Indictment of Thomas Baskerfield, of Bedford, "bodyesmaker," Matthew Baskerfield, of the same, grocer, and Thomas Morton, of Marston, tinker, for unlawful assembly and battery upon Gilbert Hilton.—Appear and confess. Fined 5s. each.

Indictment of the same for breaking the free warren and making of an assault upon Thomas Crasse.—Appear and confess. Fined 5s. each.

Indictment of Richard Rechford, of Dunton, labourer, for a battery upon John Huckle.—Confesses. Fined 5s. Paid.

Indictment of John Smith, of Cranfield, yeoman, and Martha his wife, for a battery upon William Harrison, constable.—Martha confesses. Fined 20s., to be estreated. (*Original, page* 68)

Appearance of Richard Inskipp, of Southill, to the information, pleads not guilty and prays licence to compound with Edward Heyward, and it is granted.

Subpœna for Henry Whitbread, gentleman, against William Hawkins and Robert Odell, upon the statute of 5 Elizabeth, cap. 9.

The like for William Wyllimot, against John Staunton. (*Original, page* 118)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 9th JANUARY, 1659-60.

Indictment of John Bumsted, of Husborne Crawley, labourer, for breaking the free warren of the Earl of Bedford and for killing one coney with snares, and for cutting up the "fearne" there.

Indictment of Henry Day, of Bedford, labourer, for stealing two (?) sheep, price 10s., the goods of Henry Rush, of Ravensden.—Confesses. Prays his clergy. Admitted to it. Cauterized. No goods.

Indictment of Nathaniel Smith of Potton, yeoman, for "extorciously" taking of Thomas Clerke 10s., by cover of his office of bailiff of the county sheriff.—Confesses. Fined 12d. Protests that he is not guilty.

Indictment of the inhabitants of Roxton for not repairing a highway 40 poles in length and 2 in breadth, leading from St. Neots.—Appear and imparl. (*Original, page* 69)

Oath by John Taylor that the subpœnas against Robert Odell, William Hawkins and John Staunton were served, "and that for that they have not appeared, therefore let attachment be made."
(*Original, page* 119)

SESSIONS held at BEDFORD, 30th APRIL, 1660.

Indictment of George Robinson of Milbrooke, hempdresser, Henry Bickerstaffe of Tuddington, tailor, and William Parson of Tuddington, butcher, for a riotous assault and false imprisonment of John Bernard, gentleman.—Bickerstaffe appeared and confessed. Fined 5s.

Indictment of William Neale, and John King, the elder, of Sundon, for refusing to serve the office of constable according to an order of sessions.

Indictment of Robert White of Kempston, blacksmith, for a battery upon Ruban Hubbins and Elizabeth his wife.—Appeared. Fined 2s. 6d.

Indictment of Joseph Hutton of Cranfield, yeoman, for a battery upon Thomas Wallis.

Indictment of Joseph Fary, of Sandy, labourer, for breaking the close of Thomas Smith and stealing "willow setts," 1 board, and 20 billetts, to the value of 3d.—Confessed. To be whipped.
(*Original, page* 70)

Indictment of Ralph Colley of Barton, miller, for breaking the park of Amabella, Countess-Dowager of Kent, and killing and carrying away two male deer, value £20, and two female deer, price £20.

Indictment of George Leonard of Eaton Socun, weaver, for breaking the close and stealing an ewe sheep, value 6s. 8d., of Richard Thody.—"Confesseth. Prays clergy. Hath it; is discharged and cauterized." (*Original, page* 71)

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